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PRICES OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government takes into consideration the economic condition of the small and medium farmers while fixing the prices of chemical fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of norms/criteria followed in fixing prices of such items;

(c) whether the chemical fertilizes are not made available to the farmers at the price fixed by the Government for the farmers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide economic benefits to farmers in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) The prices of the chemical fertilizers in the country is same for all farmers including the small and marginal farmers. The price of the fertilizers has been kept constant since February, 2002 in view of its affordabiiity to the farmers. The price today is much lower than its delivered cost at the farmgate level. The difference between the notified selling price of the fertilizers and the normative delivered cost of subsidized fertilizers at farmgate level is paid to manufacturers/importers as subsidy by the Government.

(c) & (d) The chemical fertilizers under the subsidy regime are made available to the farmers at the price fixed by the Government for the farmers.

(e) In context of chemical fertilizers, to provide economic benefits to the farmers in the country, the price of the fertilizers under the subsidy regime has been kept constant from February, 2002 onwards, inspite of sharp increase in the delivered cost of the fertilizers during this period.